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GALE FORCE WINDS SWEEP CITY

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think women should smoke in public?" the Pennies photographer asked persons in downtown Torrance.

Mrs. Edward Chandler, Lawn-dale:

"I'm a smoker. I'm against annoying people. If smoking is not annoying I see no reason why a woman should not smoke. They say equality for both men and women. If a man can smoke why not a woman."

E. Donnhauser, 22516 Nor-

mandie Ave.:
"No. It isn't ladylike. It is okay to smoke in the privacy of the home if they like but not in public. My wife and daughter don't smoke."

Rudy Valencia, Redondo Beach:

"It depends on where the women are. I don't think it's right to smoke while walking down the street or driving a car. I think it's okay for women to smoke in their home or a few public places."

Mrs. Otis A. Stanley, 1534 W.

224th St.:
"No, I don't think they should smoke on the street because it is not very ladylike. There's a time and place for everything. I think it is okay for them to smoke though if they want to."

Vic Bernard, 17115 S. Arling-

ton Ave.:
"I don't approve of women smoking in public but they are going to do it. They'll smoke in their homes also if they want to."

Theater Bus Trip Slated

A theater bus trip to the comedy revue, "A Thurber Carnival," will be conducted Thursday, March 22, by the Torrance Recreation Department.

Imogene Coca, Arthur Treacher, and King Donovan are starred in the revue appearing at the Huntington Hartford Theatre. The humor of cartoonist James Thurber is brought to the stage in this revue which the critic Atkinson called "a glorious world of meaningful nonsense!"

Reservations for the trip may be made by calling the Torrance Recreation Department. The \$4.75 fee includes the theater ticket, bus transportation, and trip insurance. Deadline for paying for the tickets is Monday, March 19.

Officer Does 90 In Chase

A Los Angeles man who told police he was fleeing "from a carload of hoods," was arrested here after a chase which reached speeds up to 90 miles an hour about midnight Friday.

Torrance officers arrested Dennis Everett, 23, and charged him with attempting to evade arrest, reckless driving, two counts of speeding, failure to stop for a stop sign, driving without an operator's license, and driving with an opened container of an alcoholic beverage in the car.

EVERETT WAS halted near 190th Street and Prairie Avenue after a chase which had begun earlier at 190th Street and Crenshaw. Everett said he had been stopped by a carload of men who took his wallet and driver's license, and he thought the police motorcycle pursuing him was the same carload of men.

Officers said the motorcycle was as close as 200 feet to the speeding car, with red lights ablaze, and siren screaming.

Five-year-old Clay Hildenbrand of 2425 W. 182nd St. suffered minor injuries and was treated by a private physician Thursday after his bicycle collided with a car driven by Harold Joseph Berger, 46, of 18422 Falda Ave.

The accident occurred about 4:45 p.m. on 182nd Street west of Purche Avenue.

In a collision Wednesday, Tone Bernice Bucher, 55, of Hawthorne was treated for minor injuries at Little Company of Mary Hospital after his sedan struck a parked car in front of 1318 Crenshaw Blvd.

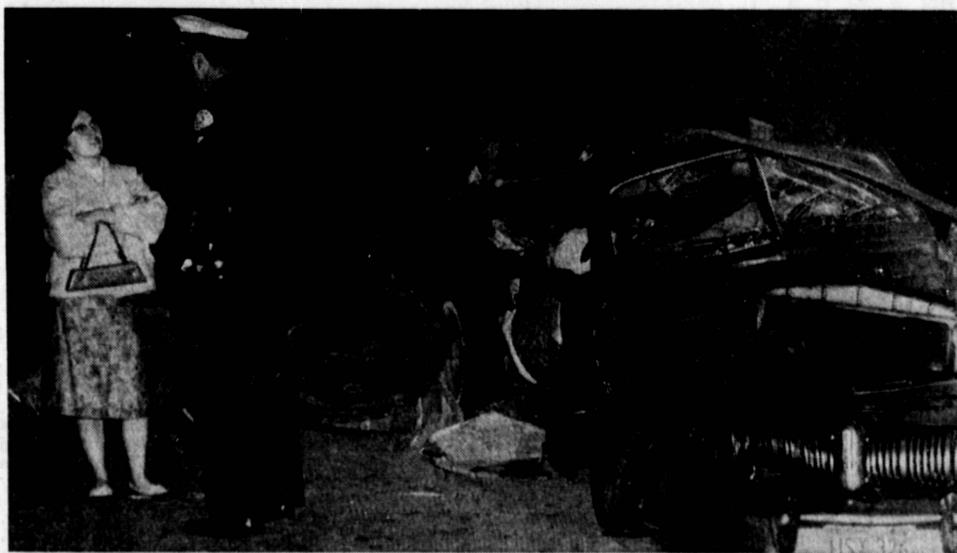
The parked vehicle was registered to Lee R. or Majorie A. Dawson of 1319 Crenshaw Blvd., police said. The accident occurred about 5:15 p.m.

Chamber Issues New Map

Dr. Rollin Smith, board advisor for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, announced yesterday that a revised city map has just been published. Through the cooperation of the city, new streets have been drawn on this latest publication.

Dr. Smith pointed out that the Torrance Chamber of Commerce handles inquiries from all over the United States daily. There are 8,953 more people in Torrance since the population census taken in 1960. As of January 1962, estimated population was 109,969. A number of new inhabitants in Torrance make their first stop in the Chamber of Commerce office.

DR. SMITH further announced that his committee has completed research on the following subjects and individual sheets are available upon request: Advantages of Living in Torrance, Weather, Population, City of Torrance Acreage, Newspapers, Television, Radio, El Camino College, South Bay College, Characteristics of Community Employment, Banks, Savings and Loan Institutions, Elected Officials Serving Torrance, List of Realtors, List of Churches.



DEMOLISHED AUTO... Driver Jerry Wright, 18, of 22802 Menlo St., was seriously hurt early Friday when his car careened off the roadway on Western Avenue near 234th Street, slammed into a power pole, and ended up like this.

Although the auto was completely demolished by the spectacular crash, police found the dome light still burning when they arrived on the scene. (Herald Photo)

Isen Fete Slated on Wednesday

The names of additional Torrance personages appearing as a part of next Wednesday evening's testimonial banquet program for Mayor Albert Isen were released yesterday.

Victor Benstead, Torrance city councilman, will speak on the subject "Mayor Isen and the people of Torrance," and Harold Frenz will discuss "statistics and the office of Mayor." The two speakers will be introduced by Judge Joe Raycraft of the Superior Court, master of ceremonies for the banquet program to be presented at the Jump'n Jack Restaurant next Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The Rev. John P. Cremins, pastor of Nativity church, will deliver the invocation. Benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. Hugh R. Percy, rector of St. Andrews Episcopal church.

All outstanding reservations for the banquet must be confirmed by Monday evening, according to Joseph Piant and Dick Floyd, co-chairman of the program committee.

Walteria Library Closing to Move

The Walteria branch of the Los Angeles County Public Library will be closed Monday and Tuesday while moving to new temporary quarters at 3774 242nd St. Normal branch hours will be resumed at the new location starting Wednesday.

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Chamber Launches Drive To Attract Industries

Turnout of businessmen at a Chamber of Commerce Industrial Development Committee meeting Thursday indicates facts the Chamber has are right — the major industries in Torrance are interested in developing the city properly, Chamber President Harold G. Frenz said.

Speaking at the first meeting of the committee, Frenz said efforts the committee puts forth now will pay off in future years.

MEETINGS of the committee were set for the second

Thursday of each month. Art Reeves, director of public relations for the Dominguez Water Corp., has been named chairman.

Purpose of the committee is to study, identify, and maintain a library of statistical data on the local industrial and economic climate, on buildings and sites and other information requested by industries making plant site studies of the Torrance area, Reeves said.

There are close to 1,000 acres still available for development within the city limits. The committee will endeavor

to encourage industries that will compliment the economy of the community, he added.

AS THE CITY grows it is increasingly important that diversified industries be located in the Southwest so that in case of recessions where one specific industry is down, other diversified industries would be in a position to take up the slack in our economy, Reeves emphasized.

Chamber Manager Don Reinling outlined what other chamber committees are doing. R. I. Plomert Jr. of Mobil Oil Co. said that basic thing needed before the committee can get started is an industrially zoned map. Frantz said formation of such a map is already underway.

Dogs Bite Three; Search Under Way

County Health Department authorities appealed for aid this week in locating two dogs which bit three young boys.

One of the animals bit two boys in the same neighborhood about an hour apart. Bitten Wednesday was Jay Ambrose,

3, of 4519 Halison, and Danny

Nixon, 5, of 4717 Darien St. The dog, which bit them while they were playing near their homes, was described as a mixed beagle with light brown, short hair.

THE THREE-YEAR-OLD is now taking pasteur treatment. The dog had a rope hanging from its neck, indicating it might have broken loose, health department authorities said.

Steven Berry, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Berry of 23437 Shadycroft Ave., will have to begin pasteur treatment tomorrow if a dog which bit him on the hand last Sunday is not located.

MRS. BERRY described the dog as being large, black and having short hair. Persons who know the whereabouts of the dog or information on the animal may contact Mrs. Berry at FA 5-8912.

Persons who have information on the dog which bit the two little boys Wednesday may contact the County Health Department at FA 8-3310.

Cash, Tools Gone

Change from a cashbox and tools with a total value of \$739 were taken from a service station at 2114 Torrance Blvd. this week, Manager Jack Leviser reported to police. Entry was gained to the building during the night through a broken window.

Gusts Logged At 75 Miles At One Time

Winds of gale force swept through the Southwest Friday evening, breaking trees, powerlines, and windows, and blacking out large areas at the height of the storm between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Friday.

A tree toppled in the 1300 block of Cota Avenue, and another tree toppled across the cab of a truck in the 1700 block of Crenshaw.

Part of the Riviera was blacked out for a while during the blow, and the transmitter for the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department was off the air for nearly an hour.

High waters threatened boats in the Redondo King Harbor for a while as wind-driven waves lapped over the breakwater, but officials reported yesterday that craft inside the harbor suffered no damage.

A monstrous traffic jam developed at Artesia and Hawthorne as traffic signals quit operating. Full services was restored after 6 p.m. Friday, according to Edison Co. officials. The outage in the Riviera lasted from 4:28 p.m. to 5:21 p.m. and near the South Bay Center from 4:21 p.m. to 5:29 p.m.

City Candidates To Talk Thursday

Candidates for the offices of mayor and city councilman will speak Thursday at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria of Riviera Elementary School, 365 Paseo De Arena. A brief question-and-answer session will follow, time permitting. The public is invited to the program, which is sponsored by Riviera residents.

45,000 May Be Eligible To Vote Here

More than 45,000 voters may be eligible to cast ballots in the April 10 municipal election, according to figures released this week by Secretary of State Frank Jordan.

In a compilation of California registrations, the state official reported that Torrance had a total of 44,223 eligible voters as of Jan. 2, 1962. Since that time, a registration drive was conducted to make more eligible to vote. Results of that registration should be available prior to the election from County Registrar of voters Benjamin S. Hite.

Democrats continued to lead the registration derby with 26,227 persons indicating a preference for that party. Republicans tallied 16,368 as of the January date. Others included 12 Prohibitionists, 1,285 who declined to state, and 336 miscellaneous registrations.

Other figures reported by Jordan this week showed the 17th Congressional District now has 141,445 voters; and that Supervisor Burton W. Chace's 4th Supervisorial District has 472,752 voters. Assembly District in the area included the 46th with 96,613, 67th with 74,287, and the 68th with 67,153.



FENCING STARTED... Police Chief Percy Bennett unloads fencing from truck while City Manager Peebles waits for it as city crews began fencing city property in North Torrance adjacent to the flooded area which recently claimed the life of a 6-year-old boy visiting here from Whittier. Councilmen ordered the fencing Tuesday night. (Herald Photo)